

THE MEDICAID EXPANSION: HEALTH BENEFITS

VIRGINIA

If all states expand Medicaid, around 15 million people will receive health coverage, greatly reducing the number of uninsured. Having health coverage has been linked to many positive health outcomes, including lower mortality rates and a reduction in the spread of infectious diseases.

STATES THAT CHOOSE NOT TO EXPAND MEDICAID COVERAGE WILL PREVENT MILLIONS OF AMERICANS FROM RECEIVING ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE.

Without expansion, close to 342,000 in VIRGINIA will have to pay out of pocket for care. Without insurance, these Americans will forego preventative care measures, treatment of infectious and chronic conditions, and will not see a primary care doctor.

5 REASONS TO SUPPORT THE MEDICAID EXPANSION

1. Expanding Medicaid coverage will reduce mortality rates
2. Expanding Medicaid care will lead to an increase in the well being of individuals
3. Expanding Medicaid will increase health care access and use among beneficiaries
4. Expanding Medicaid coverage reduces the spread of infectious diseases
5. Expanding Medicaid care will reduce health disparities

STATE FACTS

1. Without the expansion, childless adults earning between \$0 and \$15,415 a year do not qualify for Medicaid benefits and will pay up to \$2,554 a year for healthcare.
2. Under the expansion, childless adults with incomes up to \$15,415 would be eligible for benefits.
3. Without the expansion, families of four that make between \$7,145 and \$31,810 a year will have to pay up to an extra \$5,174 a year for coverage.
4. Under the expansion a family of four with income up to \$31,810 would qualify for Medicaid benefits.